



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
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12th December 2017

Dear Parents,

The accompanying information provides updates on staffing and programs for 2018. I hope you find the details helpful and informative. Children enjoyed spending the afternoon with their 2018 classmates and teachers today.

2018 NEWS

Mrs Clare Parks who joined us as Performing Arts Teacher this year has been offered a full time position at Padua College commencing 2018. We thank Clare for her work with the students this year and wish her all the best. We welcome Mr Aidan McLindon to the role as Performing Arts Teacher in 2018. Aidan has been teaching at St Josephs Echuca. He is moving to the Peninsula and looking forward to his work with us in 2018.

Mrs Amanda Heggen who replaced Gayle Timmer this year will stay on with us fulfilling the Arts position on a more permanent basis. Mrs Gayle Timmer and her family spent 2017 travelling Australia with plans to return in 2018. Having enjoyed this experience tremendously, Gayle has decided not to return to the same role in teaching and has resigned her position.

Our thanks to Mrs Celeste Miles for her work as Canteen Co-ordinator and also for her volunteer work in the uniform shop in 2017. Celeste has been generous with her time and expertise and will be missed. Marie Clarke has already taken responsibility for uniform shop and has done a great job this term. Thank you Marie. Anna Wersham will take responsibility for the canteen in 2018 and will be looking for parent volunteers to help prepare and package the lunches. If you would like to assist in this area, please email canteen@fatimarosebud.catholic.edu.au

Miss Amy Booker has worked as an Education Support Officer in our Foundation class this year and also managed many of the sessions for Camp Australia. Amy is returning to study in 2018 along with some casual work for the Shire Youth Services Team. We will miss Amy and wish her all the best in 2018.

THE HUB IN 2017

The Hub has gone from strength to strength in 2017 becoming a valued work space for Extension Mathematics, Literacy, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Robotics, Social Emotional Programs and many small group intervention programs. The 'Take a Break' space and 'Sensory Room' have also been well utilised. This work will continue in 2018 with Mrs Virginia Dunwoodie, Mrs Dimity Hemingway, Mr Darren Perry and Mrs Marita O'Sullivan all contributing their expertise.

GARDEN PROGRAM

The Garden Program will continue next year under the guidance of Liz Hubbard. Liz is part of the School Food Gardens Team which operates under the Cultivating Communities Organisation. Liz will come each Monday and work with our Year 1 and 2 students to continue our Garden Program.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

The following specialist subjects will be offered: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Sports, Garden, Science/Sustainability. Indonesian instruction will take on a new format in 2018 with all teachers and students involved in a whole school approach to language where everyone learns together.

Student Support Programs including School Wide Positive Behaviour and Social and Emotional Learning, Extension and Intervention Programs will continue to be developed and delivered according to student need.

SENIOR SCHOOL ELECTIVES PROGRAM

The senior school electives program is being expanded in 2018 to include Outdoor Education, Food Technology, Coding, Robotics, Science, Music and extension Visual Arts. More details will be distributed to senior students to consider their options over the holidays.

MOVING DAY

In 2018 the majority of classrooms will host different classes to those from 2017. We have set aside Friday 15th December as 'moving day'. This will involve moving classroom furniture and supplies to the 2018 classrooms.

Due to the move, there will be no regular classes held on Friday 15th December, and while we will run alternative programs for students they may not be with their usual teacher or in their normal classroom.

Teachers will talk about this with students at school to prepare them for the disruption to normal programs. We understand that some families may prefer to keep children at home for the day and we will support and welcome this decision. We recognise that this is not an option for families where both parents work.

(We would like all year six students to attend to assist with the move and to have the opportunity to prepare for their graduation celebration on the following Monday evening)

The Advent assembly scheduled for Friday morning will take place on Thursday instead.

Thank you again for your support across the year and for all who have so generously given of their time and energy in so many ways. Please join us for the volunteers Morning Tea on Thursday 14th December at 10:30am.

We look forward to a great year in 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Monica Coyle
PRINCIPAL

2018 HOME ROOM GROUPS

CLASSROOM RESPONSIBILITIES		
YEAR	CLASS TEACHER/S	ROOM NO
P Mac	Mrs Lynae McGuigan (Mrs Mac)	5
Prep K	Mrs Fleur Koole	6
1F	Mrs Gabi Fisher (Mon – Thurs) Mrs Jan Nagel (Fri)	7
1M	Mrs Jacinta McRae (Mon – Fri) Mrs Jan Nagel (Thursday)	8
2M	Mrs Gail Morris	9
2W	Mrs Marg Warren	10
3DC	Mrs Sally Davies (Mon - Wed) Mrs Belinda Coggin (Tue, Thu, Fri)	2
3B	Mrs Alicia Blight	1
4F	Mrs Jenny Freeland Daily Lit and Numeracy Support Darren Perry Virginia Dunwoodie	3
5H	Miss Leesh Hemburrow	13
5/6 A	Mrs Aley Allen	14
6G	Mr Milan Greco	15
	Library	4

Library: Mrs Di Kleinert

Canteen: Mrs Anna Wersham

Workplacement Volunteer: Wendy Ellis (Fri)

TEACHING STAFF	
TEACHER	ROLE
Mrs Monica Coyle	Principal
Mrs Marita O’Sullivan	Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing
Mr Darren Perry	Teaching and Learning Leader
Mrs Virginia Dunwoodie	Student Programs (Hub)
Mrs Dimity Hemingway	Student Programs (Hub)
Mr Dan Koole	Phys Ed P - 6
Mrs Amanda Heggen	Visual Arts
Mr Aidan McLindon	Performing Arts
Office/Admin Staff	
Mrs Sue Millar, Mrs Leanne Senior	
ESO Education Support Staff	
Mrs Helena Gillies, Mrs Claire Graham, Mrs Robyn McColl	
Additional staff to be notified Jan 2018	

Maintenance: Mr. Bill Carroll

KEY DATES FOR 2018

Tue 30th January - school resumes for students

Wed from 31st Jan – 7th March inclusive are rest days for *Prep Students*.

Note: Each Prep student will attend a one-hour assessment appointment on one of these Wednesdays - date to be advised.

Wed 14 th Feb	Ash Wednesday
Thu 22 nd Feb	Twilight Picnic/BBQ to welcome everyone back to school
Tue 27 th Feb	School Photos
Wed 28 th Feb	District Swimming
Mon 12 th Mar	Labour Day holiday
13 th – 18 th March	Catholic Education Week – activities to be advised
Wed 14 th March	Showcase afternoon
Thu 29 th March	Last day of Term one
Mon 16 th April	School closure day
Tue 17 th April	School Resumes for Term 2

EASTER 2017

30 th March	– Good Friday
1 st April	– Easter Sunday
2 nd April	– Easter Monday

NAPLAN

Tue 14th – Thu 17th May

SACRAMENTS

27th April – Confirmation

Reconciliation and Eucharist TBC

CAMPS

Sovereign Hill - Year 6 camp 14th – 17th May

Sovereign Hill - Year 5 camp 12th – 15th June

Year 3 & 4 camp and P – 2 transition to camp program dates to be advised

A full list of each term dates will be advised via the school newsletter at the commencement of each term.

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2018

Term 1: Tuesday 30th January - Thursday 29th March

Term 2: Monday 16th April - Friday 29th June

Term 3: - Monday 16th July - Friday 21st September

Term 4: Monday 8th October - Wednesday 19th December